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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS, ISRAEL

Editorial Quotes

1. U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

a. "U.S.-China cooperation promotes world peace"

The official Communist Party People's Daily (Renmin Ribao) (01/13):
"For these two countries, the U.S.-China relationship has become one of their most important global partnerships. Their relationship is acquiring more and more influence in multilateral relationships, and more and more common interest within the international society. This improvement has happened amidst two important backgrounds: first, along with economic globalization some regional issues have become global issues and the two countries have common interests that are closer than ever; interests which are represented in broad global fields. And second, along with the rapid development in China, the Chinese relationship with the World has changed. Therefore, the effect of these 'global relations' between the U.S. and China has become more prominent. The U.S.-China cooperation will explore a new model of cooperation between a developing country and a developed country. The cooperation between these two countries is an example for the World."

b. "'Issues that lack attention' will enrich the U.S.-China relationship"

The official Communist Party international news publication Global Times (Huanqiu Shibao)(01/13): "Over the last 30 years, those issues that have mattered most to the U.S. and China have been bilateral issues. However, in the future, the global situation will change. It is likely that multilateral issues will receive more attention in the relationship because of the objective need to do so, regardless of the international reality or the subjective opinions of the two countries. Different from Bush, Obama has repeatedly emphasized multilateral cooperation, especially on environment and energy issues. These issues have exceeded the scope of the U.S.-China bilateral relations, and are closely related with China's interests. What's more, China has enough potential to provide help to the U.S. in both of these fields. China can play an irreplaceable role on issues such as Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan, which are relatively less important to China. Nowadays, bilateral relationships will hardly solve global issues. In the future, the two countries must enhance their cooperation in multilateral fields."

2. ISRAEL

"It is said Israel wants to reoccupy Gaza"

The official Communist Party international news publication Global Times (Huanqiu Shibao)(01/13): "Chinese experts have indicated that if Israel truly wants to reoccupy Gaza, Gaza will become the frontline of the entire Arab world's war against Israel and that the World will not have any peace. The experts suggest that the 21st century will be turned into a century filled with cultural conflict because of this war. Chinese analysts indicate that the endless

conflicts between Israel and Palestine are due to three reasons: cultural conflicts, fights for living space [territory] and deep-rooted hatred. During this conflict, Israel is facing a congressional election and the tougher party has received more support. Thus the experts suggest that it is in this Israeli political group's interest to cause this Israel-Palestinian conflict. And thus, the conflict is seen as a war caused by Western democracy. It seems Israel and Palestine, even the whole Middle East, has been an experimental field for cultural conflicts.

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